

actually...who are we going to harm, we're actually going to be harming real people and it's always going to be the Legislature taking second fiddle. Many of us ran for election two years ago. Many of the new people said that, by golly, we're going to get the spending under control, we're going to stop the "runaway" spending that, in my opinion, doesn't exist anyway, but we're going to stop that and we're going to really make the tough decisions. This is one of those tough decisions and I think it's one of those that we say, no, we're not going to do it and, yes, people are going to be hurt, but that's the price sometimes of politics. That's the price that the Legislature sometimes has to pay in order to take and make those tough decisions so it doesn't happen again. Because if you don't stand firm now, you will not stand firm the next time it happens. And Senator Wehrbein has been on the committee long enough to know that this just doesn't happen here, it happens all the time...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...where agencies will come in and they'll say, you know we just weren't quite...we didn't understand it, we're sorry, we have to come in for this deficit and, gee, if you don't do it, that's fine, but these people are going to be hurt, it's our mistake, and we always end up doing it. And there comes a time when the issue is big enough and the monies are big enough that, in fact, we shouldn't do it. Senator Wehrbein, would you yield to a question in the 30 seconds or so I have left.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Is it my understanding that Sonny Foster also said that they could get by with only four or five hundred thousand rather than the seven and a half hundred thousand that is appropriated?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, he did say that earlier, but upon reflection that we found that we really would not work very well.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And it wouldn't work very well because of the paper trail, is that correct?